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Friends of Harry Hope for Executive Action This Week.

STRAW IN CONVICT'S FAVOR

Petition Signed by Legislators Will Help Prisoner with Governor.

MOVEMENT SUGGESTED BY A HIGH OFFICIAL

Case May Be Taken Up by Governor in a Few Days, and Hill's Fate Finally Settled.

This week may bring liberty to Harry Hill.

It is confidently believed by his friends that something will be done for the prisoner in a few days, and some strongly hope for the issuance of a pardon by the governor before the week has passed.

It is understood that a hearing will be asked and that the case will be laid before Governor Atkinson in a few days. There has been an unusually strong effort recently made in behalf of the convict, and it is said that the work done has not been in vain, although no intimation has been made by the governor as to his probable action in the matter.

Those in a position to observe the trend of affairs at the capitol attach more importance to a step taken in behalf of Hill during last week than has appeared on the surface. The movement referred to was the circulation of several petitions among the members of the house and senate asking for the exercise of executive clemency in behalf of Hill. A great many members of both houses signed the petitions, and they have been formally presented to the governor.

It is said that the petitions were circulated as the suggestion and influence of one who is in a position to appreciate the weight and influence of such a petition. Those who circulated the petitions and those who were interested in the matter endeavored to do the work quietly, and without letting the facts become public, but one in possession of the inside knowledge expresses the belief of many when he says that the petition of the legislature will have more weight and influence with the governor than any other document or argument which has been presented in behalf of Hill.

A great volume of petitions and memorials asking for the pardon of the noted forger have been filed with the governor, and it is doubted if such pressure for the exercise of executive power in behalf of a convict has been made in this state in many years as has been made for Hill. Prominent citizens from all parts of the state have interested themselves in the case, and many private letters have been received by the governor from persons expressing the wish that Hill be pardoned. Many of the latter class of correspondents think that Hill was rightfully convicted, and that he was deserving of the punishment meted out to him, but they now believe that Hill has suffered sufficiently for his crime.

Those arguing for a pardon say the ends of justice have been met, and that the moral effect of the conviction of the prisoner will not be minimized by the pardon of Hill now. Another point urged in favor of the prisoner is the report that his conduct has been good during incarceration, and that his health is rapidly falling.

Governor Atkinson left last night for Nashville at the head of the Tennessee centennial legislative party, but he will return tomorrow morning, and may take up the Hill case at any time. He is said to be anxious to get the matter settled finally, and a decision may be reached on the case at once.

WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT.

Formal Organization of the Lecture Association.

The Atlanta Co-operative Lecture Association is now an established fact. The list of the names necessary to establish the institution were sent on yesterday and a few more to spare.

This means a feast of lectures and authors' readings this winter for Atlanta by at least ten of the most distinguished men in the union, among whom will doubtless be Henry Watterson, ex-Senator J. J. Ingalls, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, George K. Gordon, Hopkinson Smith, Thomas Dixon, V. B. Hamilton, Mable, J. J. Lewis (Preston), Louis Favore (Electricity), Alexander Black, J. J. Demotte, Robert Nowles and J. C. Peters.

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